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**Secretary of State Shelley, L.A. County Elections Registrar McCormack
Highlight Ease and Convenience of Early Voting Locations**

Election Interest Reflected in the More Than 1.2 Absentee Ballots Already Cast

LOS ANGELES — Citing the ease and convenience of voting early at 12 locations throughout Los Angeles County, Secretary of State Kevin Shelley today joined with Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters Conny McCormack to encourage voters to take advantage of these locations and cast a ballot early for next Tuesday's October 7th Statewide Special Election.

“Voting at an early voting location is a great way to get your vote in, avoid potential lines at the polls and try out the new touch-screen voting systems,” said Secretary Shelley. “What’s even easier is that any Los Angeles County voter can vote at any of the 12 touch-screen early voting sites.”

Early voting sites and times in Los Angeles County can be found at the following web site:
<http://regrec.co.la.ca.us/pdf/earlyvoting.pdf>.

Secretary Shelley also encouraged voters planning to vote via absentee ballot to make sure that they sign the ballot's envelope and mail it to their county elections official as soon as possible to ensure that it's received by the close of the polls at 8 p.m. on Election Day.

“Over the past several weeks we have been emphasizing to voters that they should take full advantage of voting by mail — and this apparently has paid off,” Shelley said. “As of this morning 1,235,393 million Californians have voted by absentee ballot—a clear indication of the significant interest in this unprecedented election.”

Shelley also reiterated the comprehensive media campaign that his office has initiated to educate voters about the October 7th election. Some of those activities include:

- Public Service Announcements being aired statewide on TV and radio along with informational ads appearing in newspapers and community newsletters;

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- Special newspaper ads scheduled to appear next week reminding voters in counties using pre-scored punch cards of the need to inspect their voted ballot to ensure that the ballot is free from “chad”;
- A new web site—www.myvotecounts.org --that provides all the information voters need including links to each county web site so that voters can locate their polling place;
- Toll-free voter assistance hotlines in seven languages, including Chinese (Mandarin), English, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese; and
- Election specialists dispatched statewide to assist county officials.